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**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES AMERICORPS PROGRAMS CELEBRATE FIRST NATIONAL  
AMERICORPS WEEK**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that the North Carolina AmeriCorps programs will celebrate the first National AmeriCorps Week during May 13-20, 2007. National AmeriCorps week, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, is an opportunity to recognize the impact made by AmeriCorps members across the state and nation, to thank community partners and to encourage others to make a commitment to community service. National AmeriCorps Week will also celebrate the historic milestone of the 500,000<sup>th</sup> AmeriCorps member taking the AmeriCorps pledge to “get things done for America” this spring.

“National AmeriCorps Week is a tribute to our deserving AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps alumni who work hard every day to improve the lives of North Carolinians,” said Easley. “I encourage all of our citizens to follow their example and to serve our communities across the state.”

To kick off the first National AmeriCorps Week in North Carolina, the Triangle Area AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter will host two events. The Triangle Alumni Chapter will first host an alumni membership drive and information session in Durham on Tuesday, May 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local AmeriCorps alumni and supporters can register for the event at [www.lifetimeofservice.org](http://www.lifetimeofservice.org) and to receive updates on the Triangle Area AmeriCorps Alumni and upcoming events. The Triangle Alumni Chapter has also partnered with Triangle Impact to host a service day at the Ronald McDonald House (506 Alexander Ave.) in Durham on Saturday, May 19 from noon to 3 p.m. For more information or to register for this project, visit Triangle Impact’s web site at [www.triangleimpact.com](http://www.triangleimpact.com).

The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, a federal- and state-funded agency housed in the Governor’s Office, administers funding to 11 N.C. AmeriCorps programs during the 2006-2007 program year. Members tutor and mentor school-aged youth, improve the quality of care for preschool children and address the need for affordable housing by building houses for low-income families. For more information on the N.C. AmeriCorps programs, visit the N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service’s web site at [www.volunteernc.org](http://www.volunteernc.org) or call 800/820-4483. For more information about National AmeriCorps week, visit the Corporation for National and Community Service’s web site at [www.AmeriCorps.gov/AmeriCorpsWeek](http://www.AmeriCorps.gov/AmeriCorpsWeek).

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